



General Assembly

**House Joint
Resolution No. 1**

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 4411



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. WHEREAS, at the 2021 regular session of the General
2 Assembly of the state of Connecticut, said General Assembly did
3 approve, by at least a majority, but by less than three-fourths, of the total
4 membership of each house, a resolution proposing an amendment to the
5 Constitution of the State which amendment, in accordance with article
6 sixth of the amendments to the Constitution, was published in the
7 manner prescribed therein and continued to the present regular session
8 of the General Assembly, and which resolution is as follows:

9 "Resolved by this Assembly:

10 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
11 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
12 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,
13 become a part thereof:

14 Section 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as

15 follows:

16 Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the
17 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on
18 at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to] will not
19 appear at the polling place on the day of election. [because of absence
20 from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of
21 sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion
22 forbid secular activity.]

23 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
24 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
25 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and
26 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
27 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022,
28 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
29 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
30 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
31 State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter
32 to vote by absentee ballot?"

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY: That
34 the said amendment so proposed is approved and that it be presented
35 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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